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**WSP needs your assistance locating witnesses and driver**

**Richland, Wash.** – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is seeking the public’s help locating a driver who fled after a pedestrian was struck and killed early Sunday morning near Richland.

The collision occurred on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at approximately 2:20 a.m. A pedestrian was walking eastbound in the lane of travel on state Route 240 near milepost 37 within the city limits of Richland, approximately one mile east of George Washington Way.

An unknown vehicle traveling eastbound struck this pedestrian and failed to stop at the scene. The pedestrian was tragically pronounced deceased.

The WSP is looking for witnesses who may have witnessed the collision or have information regarding the involved vehicle or driver who fled.

The involved vehicle is believed to have damage to the front bumper assembly, hood, and possibly the windshield.

Anyone that may have any information regarding this incident is asked to contact **WSP Detective James Stairet at (509) 378-2753 or (509) 734-5818, also by email at [James.Stairet@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:James.Stairet@wsp.wa.gov).**

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